



NC PRE-K 2022 Legislative Rate Increase Webinar FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)



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	Will Contracting Agencies need to file amended FSRs for retro-reimbursement for previously submitted months? If so, when?	<p>Yes, NC Pre-K Contracting agencies will have to file amended FSRs for retro-reimbursement.</p> <p>DCDEE Budget and Contracts team will have the FSRs ready with new amounts by the time contractors receive amendments. Contractors will continue to use the regular FSR workbook until a new one is provided.</p> <p>Budget team will provide instructions on submitting amended FSRs.</p>
	Will the updates in PLAN be made automatically or will contracting agencies need to go in and change each month's rate and commit to the budget?	<p>DCDEE is developing a process and will share with NC Pre-K Contracting agencies when available.</p>
	Will Contracting Agencies that have 2- year sub-contracts ending in 2023-2024 school year need to revise the sub-contracts to reflect the new rates?	<p>Yes. Contracting agencies will need to revise subcontracts to reflect any changes to rates. DCDEE recommends that Contract Agencies wait to make changes to sub-contracts until the amended contracts have been executed.</p>
	Will Contracting Agencies that have Head Start sites at a lower rate than \$400 (including dual enrolled children) have to change their rate to \$420?	<p>Yes. Contracting agencies will be required to reimburse at the NEW NC Pre-K reimbursement rates and may not assign rates below the NEW NC Pre-K reimbursement rates for any classroom.</p> <p>Sufficient funding will be provided to cover the new rates.</p>
	When will contracts with DCDEE be amended to reflect the new rates, additional admin funding, and supplemental 2% from carryforward funding?	<p>Amended contract budget allocations and detailed instructions regarding the amended line-item budget will be provided to contractors in a separate communication.</p> <p>DCDEE is working on developing process and procedures for executing revised amended contracts.</p>

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	Will this be a "floating" increase that will happen throughout the year as enrollment fluctuates? For example, if more children enroll in January than in November, will there be additional funds to account for this difference?	While, the amount of funding requested by each county/region during the monthly reimbursement process will vary based on the number of slots allocated (Aug-Oct only**) or children enrolled (Nov-June), sufficient funding will be provided in your contract amendments to ensure the NEW NC Pre-K reimbursement rates can be applied for the total number of contracted slots.
	Will the 2% increase payment of \$489.50 per classroom still be in place for private sites?	Yes. The 2% increase rate increase intended for private site teacher salaries for the 2022-2023 will be distributed in 10 equal payments of \$489.50.
	Are Contracting Agencies limited to a budget or number of slots? For example, if Contractors want to lower the number of public slots and raise the number of private slots, would the budget be automatically adjusted to reflect the difference in rates?	Contractors are expected to use their direct services allocation to serve the number of children indicated in their contract. Slots can be moved across sites so long as the changes do not decrease the number of children being served or exceed the direct services allocation.
	Please provide information on the legislative expectations of these new funds as it relates to applying the funds towards staff pay increase.	There is no legislative requirement that these funds be used to increase staff salaries.
	If the local NC Pre-K committee approved paying public schools at \$650, is there opportunity for the committee to increase the school rates to include this increase?	<p>Any rate above the new base rate will be considered a rate exception, and DCDEE is not approving rate exceptions at this time.</p> <p>Any per-child rates currently in use that are already at or above the NEW NC Pre-K reimbursement rates (based on site type indicated in NC Pre-K Plan) will remain as they are. No additional funding will be provided to further increase those above-standard rates.</p>

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